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SUBJ: "AN AMERICAN IN KINSHASA"

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF ARTICLE "AN AMERICAN IN KINSHASA" WHICH APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 7 ISSUE KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA:

2."IN ITS FEBRUARY 7, 1975 ISSUE, THE INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY JEUNE AFREQUE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE SIGNED BY PAUL BERNETEL ENTITLED "AN AMERICAN IN KINSHASA". THIS ARTICLE ATTRACTED OUR ATTENTION BECAUSE IT CONCERNS NATIONAL POLITICS.

3. FIRST, OUR COLLEAGUE GIVES HIS POINT OF VIEW REGARDING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD RECENTLY IN KINSHASA, AND WRITES THAT THIS CONFERENCE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICA. HE RECALLS THAT AT THE 4TH CONFERENCE (ADDIS ABABA, 1973), THE AMBIGUOUS ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

WAS VIOLENTLY DENOUNCED BY THE AFRICANS.

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4. COMMENTING, THEN, ON THE RECENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEETING IN KINSHASA, OUR COLLEAGUE WRITES:

5. 'THE FACT THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD IN ZAIRE, MORE-OVER, INTRODUCES AN IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT. THIS COUNTRY, WHICH HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON, IS TODAY UNDERGOING GREAT CHANGES. ITS HIGHLY ORIGINAL NATIONALIST OPTIONS ALARM THE UNITED STATES AND SINCE OCTOBER 1963, WHEN ZAIRE BROKE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, MR. KISSINGER HAS FELT THAT MOBUTU WAS GOING TOO FAR. THE RAPPROCHEMENT (OF ZAIRE) WITH PEKING AND THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE INSPIRATION FROM CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE HAVE IRRITATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHO, IN THE BEGINNING, WAS COOL TO THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND THEN, IN AN EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE, CHANGED HIS AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA.

6. THE NEW TITULAR IS A MOST ALARMING PERSONALITY. DEANE ROESCH HINTON, FORMER CIA ANALYST, HAS ALWAYS BEEN ASSIGNED TO PLACES WHERE THE AGENCY HAS CARRIED ON THE MOST SUSPECT ACTIVITIES. THIS SPECIALIST IN LATIN AMERICAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS, WHO TOOK COURSES AT THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WAS DIRECTOR IN GUATEMALA OF AID, A NOTORIOUS INSTRUMENT OF THE CIA IN THE THIRD WORLD. DEANE HINTON DIRECTED THE GUERILLA PACIFICATION OPERATION THERE. ITS BALANCE SHEET: 20,000 DEAD. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ANTI-GUERILLA ACTION, HE GAVE UP HIS POSITION AND THE UNITED STATES ASSIGNED A NEW AMBASSADOR, NATHANIEL DAVIS.

7. THE SCENARIO WAS REPEATED IN CHILE: HINTON, DIRECTOR OF AID, PRECEDED AN AMBASSADOR WHO WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE SAME DAVIS, AND THEN PULLED OUT IN 1971. RECALLED TO WASHINGTON, HAVING BECOME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (SIC), KEY ORGAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, HINTON ORGANIZED THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF THE ALLENDE REGIME WITH THE RESULTS EVERYONE KNOWS'.

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8. THE JEUNE AFRIQUE COLUMNIST THEN ADVANCES HIS VIEWS CONCERNING WASHINGTON'S TRANSFER OF DEANE HINTON TO KINSHASA. ON THAT SUBJECT HE WRITES:

9. 'THE NOMINATION OF SUCH A PERSONALITY WAS SEEN IN KINSHASA DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AS THE MORE SURPRISING SINCE, AT THE SAME MOMENT, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR EASUM, WAS

REPLACED BY . . . NATHANIEL DAVIS. IT IS THUS LOGICAL THAT THE NOMINATION OF DAVIS (WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SENATE) IS BEING INTERPRETED AS A DISAVOWAL OF EASUM WHO WAS TRYING TO MOVE SOUTH AFRICA TO CHANGE ITS POLICIES".

10. SUCH ARE THE CONTENTS OF THE JEUNE AFRIQUE ARTICLE. WE DO NOT DOUBT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE ON A SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH WE SHOULD REFLECT.

11. WHAT ARE WE TO THINK ABOUT THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY OUR COLLEAGUE? WE CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY REFERRING TO THE SPEECH MADE BY THE GUIDE MOBUTU SESE SEKO JAN 21, 1975, AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA - A SPEECH IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE MPR CLEARLY REDEFINED THE GREAT OPTIONS WHICH GUIDE OUR DIPLOMACY AND EXPLAINED THE POSITION OF ZAIRE CONCERNING THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IN AFRICA.

12. THE FATHER OF THE NATION, WHO ADDRESSED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, SPOKE IN CLEAR TERMS OF THE GRATITUDE OWED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE IN THE DARKEST HOURS OF THE PAT. "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA", THE GUIDE NOTABLY DELCARED, "HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF ZAIRE SINCE ITS EARLIEST DAYS". GENERAL MOBUTU WAS REFERRING TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY IN 1960, FINANCIAL AID WITHOUT WHICH THE SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT IN OUR COPPER REGION WOULD HAVE WON, AND THE FACE OF AFRICA WOULD HAVE CHANGED, WHILE THE RACISTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COLONIALISTS WOULD HAVE EXTENDED THEIR INFLUENCE TO THE EQUATOR. IT WOULD REALLY BE IN BAD FAITH NOT TO RECOGNIZE THIS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH CON" TRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

13. BUT WHILE THANKING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS GENEROUS AID TO ZAIRE, GENERAL MOBUTU DID NOT FAIL TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WAY HE VIEWS THE AFRICAN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, A POLICY WHICH HE TERMED PASSIVE.

14. THE GUIDE WAS EVEN MORE EXPLICIT WHEN HE SAID THE UNITED STATES POLICY IN AFRICA IS A POLICY OF THE STATUS QUO AND THE FAIT ACCOMPLI. HE EXPRESSED REGRET

THAT A GREAT PEOPLE LIKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, A PEOPLE WHO LOVE LIBERTY, A PEOPLE WHO WERE COLONIZED AND FOUGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, HAVE DONE NOTHING FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID.
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15. THE GUIDE MOBUTU SESE SEKO IMPRESSED OBSERVERS BY HIS FRANKNESS WHEN, DURING HIS JANUARY 21 SPEECH, HE BRANDED THE PASSIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER THE NOMINATION OF THE FORMER AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CHILE (A PERSON WITH A COMPROMISING PAST) AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS TO REPLACE MR. EASUM, A MAN KNOWN FOR HIS SENSE OF JUSTICE AND HIS FAIR VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION.

16. THE JANUARY 21 SPEECH CONSTITUTED, IN EFFECT, AN APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT A REALISTIC POLICY IN AFRICA.

17 IT IS WITHOUT ULTERIOR MOTIVE THAT THE GUIDE MADE THESE REMARKS ON THE AMERICAN POLICY. GENERAL MOBUTU, OF COURSE, DID NOT FORGET TO POINT OUT THE PRIVILEGED

RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS A FRIEND OF ZAIRE. THE DIPLOMACY OF OUR MOVEMENT ENTERTAINS, MOREOVER, GOOD RELATIONSS WITH ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD. BUT THAT AGAINST WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT IS DIPLOMATIC CONSERVATISM WHICH TENDS TO ALIENATE

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US. CONSERVATISM WHICH CAUSES US TO BE ISOLATED IN THE PAST.

18. THE FUNDAMENTAL OPTIONS WHICH GUIDE ZAIRIAN DIPLOMACY REST ON THE MOTTO: NEITHER TO THE LEFT, NOR TO THE RIGHT, NOR EVEN IN THE MIDDLE. THIS MEANS THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNIVERSE CAN BE OUR FRIENDS. THE ONLY CONDITION THAT WE IMPOSE ON OUR PARTNERS IS NON-INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT OUR COUNTRY IS IN FAVOR OF REPROCHMENT WITH COUNTRIES WHOSE POLITICAL SYSTEMS DIFFER FROM OURS. SINCE NOVEMBER 24, 1965, THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THE SOLE MASTERS OF THEIR DESTINY. AND, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE THAT GENERAL MOBUTU FOLLOWS, ALL DECISIONS ARE MADE SOVEREIGNLY IN KINSHASA

19. IN HIS SPEECHES, THE GUIDE OF THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE HAS REPEATEDLY PROCLAIMED TO THE WORLD HIS DETERMINATION NEVER TO ALIENATE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

20. IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE GUIDE MOBUTU SESE SEKO, SUPPORTED BY 22 MILLION ZAIRIANS, HAS NEVER HIDDEN HIS IMPLACABLE HOSTILITY TOWARD THE POLICY OR BLOCS.

21. THE ZAIRE OF MOBUTU IS BY NO MEANS A LABORATORY FOR ALL SORTS OF IMPERIALISM, AS WAS THE CASE DURING ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. ALL ATTEMPTS AT SUBVERSION ARE BOUND TO FAIL. FOR THE PEOPLE, UNITED AS A SINGLE MAN BEHIND THE GUIDE, GUARD THE REVOLUTION DAY AND NIGHT.

22. AS TO THE REMARKS WHICH APPEARED IN JEUNE AFRIQUE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO KINSHASA, WE FEEL THAT IT IS A PROBLEM WHICH CANNOT PREOCCUPY A COUNTRY AS GREAT AS ZAIRE.

23. NEVERTHELESS, THE ARTICLE OF OUR COLLEAGUE DESERVES THE ATTENTION OF OUR OFFICIALS BECAUSE AT A TIME WHEN

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WE HAVE CRUSHING DUTIES TO ACCOMPLISH, WE HAVE NO
TIME TO WASTE WITH "PULLERS OF STRING" AND
"ORGANIZERS OF PLOTS".

24. THAT SAID, OUR ADVICE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PROBLEM
WHICH JEUNE AFRIQUE RAISES IS THAT, IF THERE IS A
PROBLEM, IT CAN BE SUMMED UP IN THE ZAIRIAN PROVERB
WHICH SAYS THAT "THE HEEDLESS FISHERMAN IS LIABLE TO
BE DROWNED".
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